

Senate File 303

H-8158

1 Amend the amendment, H-8137, to Senate File 303,
2 as amended, passed, and reprinted by the Senate, as
3 follows:

4 1. By striking page 1, line 1, through page 12,
5 line 5, and inserting:

6 <<Amend Senate File 303, as amended, passed, and
7 reprinted by the Senate, as follows:

8 1. By striking everything after the enacting clause
9 and inserting:

10 <DIVISION I

11 RETIREMENT PAY TAX EXEMPTION

12 Section 1. Section 422.5, subsection 3, paragraph
13 a, Code 2014, is amended to read as follows:

14 a. The tax shall not be imposed on a resident or
15 nonresident whose net income, as defined in section
16 422.7, is thirteen thousand five hundred dollars or
17 less in the case of married persons filing jointly
18 or filing separately on a combined return, heads of
19 household, and surviving spouses or nine thousand
20 dollars or less in the case of all other persons;
21 but in the event that the payment of tax under this
22 division would reduce the net income to less than
23 thirteen thousand five hundred dollars or nine thousand
24 dollars as applicable, then the tax shall be reduced to
25 that amount which would result in allowing the taxpayer
26 to retain a net income of thirteen thousand five
27 hundred dollars or nine thousand dollars as applicable.
28 The preceding sentence does not apply to estates or
29 trusts. For the purpose of this subsection, the entire
30 net income, including any part of the net income not
31 allocated to Iowa, shall be taken into account. For
32 purposes of this subsection, net income includes all
33 amounts of pensions or other retirement income, except
34 for military retirement pay excluded under section
35 422.7, subsection 31A, paragraph "a", or section
36 422.7, subsection 31B, paragraph "a", received from any
37 source which is not taxable under this division as a
38 result of the government pension exclusions in section
39 422.7, or any other state law. If the combined net
40 income of a husband and wife exceeds thirteen thousand
41 five hundred dollars, neither of them shall receive
42 the benefit of this subsection, and it is immaterial
43 whether they file a joint return or separate returns.
44 However, if a husband and wife file separate returns
45 and have a combined net income of thirteen thousand
46 five hundred dollars or less, neither spouse shall
47 receive the benefit of this paragraph, if one spouse
48 has a net operating loss and elects to carry back or
49 carry forward the loss as provided in section 422.9,
50 subsection 3. A person who is claimed as a dependent

1 by another person as defined in section 422.12 shall
2 not receive the benefit of this subsection if the
3 person claiming the dependent has net income exceeding
4 thirteen thousand five hundred dollars or nine thousand
5 dollars as applicable or the person claiming the
6 dependent and the person's spouse have combined net
7 income exceeding thirteen thousand five hundred dollars
8 or nine thousand dollars as applicable.

9 Sec. 2. Section 422.5, subsection 3B, paragraph a,
10 Code 2014, is amended to read as follows:

11 a. The tax shall not be imposed on a resident or
12 nonresident who is at least sixty-five years old on
13 December 31 of the tax year and whose net income,
14 as defined in section 422.7, is thirty-two thousand
15 dollars or less in the case of married persons
16 filing jointly or filing separately on a combined
17 return, heads of household, and surviving spouses or
18 twenty-four thousand dollars or less in the case of all
19 other persons; but in the event that the payment of
20 tax under this division would reduce the net income to
21 less than thirty-two thousand dollars or twenty-four
22 thousand dollars as applicable, then the tax shall be
23 reduced to that amount which would result in allowing
24 the taxpayer to retain a net income of thirty-two
25 thousand dollars or twenty-four thousand dollars as
26 applicable. The preceding sentence does not apply to
27 estates or trusts. For the purpose of this subsection,
28 the entire net income, including any part of the net
29 income not allocated to Iowa, shall be taken into
30 account. For purposes of this subsection, net income
31 includes all amounts of pensions or other retirement
32 income, except for military retirement pay excluded
33 under section 422.7, subsection 3lA, paragraph "a",
34 or section 422.7, subsection 3lB, paragraph "a",
35 received from any source which is not taxable under
36 this division as a result of the government pension
37 exclusions in section 422.7, or any other state law.
38 If the combined net income of a husband and wife
39 exceeds thirty-two thousand dollars, neither of them
40 shall receive the benefit of this subsection, and it
41 is immaterial whether they file a joint return or
42 separate returns. However, if a husband and wife file
43 separate returns and have a combined net income of
44 thirty-two thousand dollars or less, neither spouse
45 shall receive the benefit of this paragraph, if one
46 spouse has a net operating loss and elects to carry
47 back or carry forward the loss as provided in section
48 422.9, subsection 3. A person who is claimed as a
49 dependent by another person as defined in section
50 422.12 shall not receive the benefit of this subsection

1 if the person claiming the dependent has net income
2 exceeding thirty-two thousand dollars or twenty-four
3 thousand dollars as applicable or the person claiming
4 the dependent and the person's spouse have combined
5 net income exceeding thirty-two thousand dollars or
6 twenty-four thousand dollars as applicable.

7 Sec. 3. Section 422.7, Code 2014, is amended by
8 adding the following new subsection:

9 NEW SUBSECTION. 31A. a. Subtract, to the extent
10 included, retirement pay received by a taxpayer from
11 the federal government for military service performed
12 in the armed forces, the armed forces military reserve,
13 or national guard.

14 b. The exclusion of retirement pay under this
15 subsection is in addition to any exclusion provided
16 under subsection 31.

17 Sec. 4. Section 422.7, Code 2014, is amended by
18 adding the following new subsection:

19 NEW SUBSECTION. 31B. a. Subtract, to the extent
20 included, amounts received as survivor benefits by a
21 taxpayer from the federal government pursuant to 10
22 U.S.C. §1447, et seq.

23 b. The exclusion of survivor benefits under this
24 subsection is in addition to any exclusion provided
25 under subsection 31.

26 Sec. 5. RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY. This division
27 of this Act applies retroactively to January 1, 2014,
28 for tax years beginning on or after that date.

29 DIVISION II

30 PROPERTY OF ASSOCIATIONS OF WAR VETERANS

31 Sec. 6. Section 427.1, subsection 5, Code 2014, is
32 amended to read as follows:

33 5. Property of associations of war veterans.

34 a. The property of any organization composed wholly
35 of veterans of any war, when such property is, except
36 as otherwise provided in this subsection or subsection
37 14, devoted entirely to its own use and not held for
38 pecuniary profit.

39 b. The operation of bingo games on property of such
40 organization shall not adversely affect the exemption
41 of that property under this subsection if all proceeds,
42 in excess of expenses, are used for the legitimate
43 purposes of the organization.

44 c. The occasional or irregular lease or rental of
45 all or a portion of the property of such organization
46 shall not adversely affect the exemption of that
47 property under this subsection if the proceeds from
48 such lease or rental do not exceed two hundred fifty
49 dollars per lease or rental, and the proceeds, in
50 excess of expenses, are used for the legitimate

1 purposes of the organization. In addition, the
2 occasional or irregular lease or rental shall be
3 considered a use for the appropriate objects of the
4 organization for purposes of subsection 14.

5 Sec. 7. IMPLEMENTATION OF ACT. Section 25B.7 does
6 not apply to this division of this Act.

7 Sec. 8. EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT. This division of
8 this Act, being deemed of immediate importance, takes
9 effect upon enactment.

10 Sec. 9. RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY. This division
11 of this Act applies retroactively to January 1, 2014,
12 for assessment years beginning on or after that date.

13 DIVISION III
14 LICENSE PLATES

15 Sec. 10. Section 35A.11, Code 2014, is amended to
16 read as follows:

17 **35A.11 Veterans license fee fund.**

18 1. A veterans license fee fund is created in the
19 state treasury under the control of the commission.
20 Notwithstanding section 12C.7, interest or earnings
21 on moneys in the veterans license fee fund shall be
22 credited to the veterans license fee fund. Moneys in
23 the fund are appropriated to the commission to be used
24 to fulfill the responsibilities of the commission.

25 2. The fund created in this section shall include
26 the fees credited by the treasurer of state from the
27 sale annual validation of the following special motor
28 vehicle registration plates:

29 ~~1. Veteran special plates issued pursuant to~~
30 ~~section 321.34, subsection 13, paragraph "d".~~

31 ~~2. a.~~ National guard special plates issued
32 pursuant to section 321.34, subsection 16.

33 ~~3. b.~~ Pearl Harbor special plates issued pursuant
34 to section 321.34, subsection 17.

35 ~~4. c.~~ Purple heart special plates issued pursuant
36 to section 321.34, subsection 18.

37 ~~5. d.~~ United States armed forces retired special
38 plates issued pursuant to section 321.34, subsection
39 19.

40 ~~6. e.~~ Silver star and bronze star special plates
41 issued pursuant to section 321.34, subsection 20.

42 ~~7. f.~~ Distinguished service cross, navy cross,
43 and air force cross special plates issued pursuant to
44 section 321.34, subsection 20A.

45 ~~8. g.~~ Soldier's medal, navy and marine corps
46 medal, and airman's medal special plates issued
47 pursuant to section 321.34, subsection 20B.

48 ~~9. h.~~ Combat infantryman badge, combat action
49 badge, combat action ribbon, air force combat action
50 medal, and combat medical badge plates issued pursuant

1 to section 321.34, subsection 20C.
2 ~~10. i.~~ Gold star special plates issued pursuant to
3 section ~~321.34~~, subsection 24.
4 j. United States veteran special plates issued
5 pursuant to section 321.34, subsection 27.
6 Sec. 11. Section 321.34, subsection 16, paragraph
7 a, Code 2014, is amended to read as follows:
8 a. An owner referred to in subsection 12 who is a
9 member of the national guard, as defined in chapter
10 29A, may, upon written application to the department,
11 order special registration plates with a national
12 guard processed emblem with the emblem designed by the
13 department in cooperation with the adjutant general
14 which emblem signifies that the applicant is a member
15 of the national guard. The application shall be
16 approved by the department in consultation with the
17 adjutant general. The special plate fees collected by
18 the director under subsection 12, ~~paragraphs paragraph~~
19 ~~"a" and "c"~~, from the ~~issuance and annual validation~~
20 of letter-number designated national guard plates,
21 and subsection 12, paragraph "c", from the issuance
22 and annual validation of personalized national guard
23 plates shall be paid monthly to the treasurer of
24 state and deposited in the road use tax fund. The
25 treasurer of state shall transfer monthly from the
26 statutory allocations fund created under section
27 321.145, subsection 2, to the veterans license fee fund
28 created in section 35A.11 the amount of the special
29 fees collected under subsection 12, paragraph "a", in
30 the previous month for national guard plates. Special
31 registration plates with a national guard processed
32 emblem shall be surrendered, as provided in subsection
33 12, in exchange for regular registration plates upon
34 termination of the owner's membership in the active
35 national guard.
36 Sec. 12. Section 321.34, subsection 16, Code 2014,
37 is amended by adding the following new paragraph:
38 NEW PARAGRAPH. 0b. Notwithstanding subsection 12,
39 paragraph "a", an owner who is approved for special
40 registration plates under this subsection shall be
41 issued one set of special registration plates with a
42 national guard processed emblem at no charge.
43 Sec. 13. Section 321.34, subsection 17, paragraph
44 a, Code 2014, is amended to read as follows:
45 a. An owner referred to in subsection 12 who was at
46 Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, as a member of the armed services
47 of the United States on December 7, 1941, may, upon
48 written application to the department, order special
49 registration plates with a Pearl Harbor processed
50 emblem. The emblem shall be designed by the department

1 in consultation with service organizations. The
2 application is subject to approval by the department.
3 The special plate fees collected by the director under
4 subsection 12, ~~paragraphs~~ paragraph "a" and "c", from
5 the ~~issuance and~~ annual validation of letter-number
6 designated Pearl Harbor plates, and subsection 12,
7 paragraph "c", from the issuance and annual validation
8 of personalized Pearl Harbor plates shall be paid
9 monthly to the treasurer of state and deposited in
10 the road use tax fund. The treasurer of state shall
11 transfer monthly from the statutory allocations fund
12 created under section 321.145, subsection 2, to the
13 veterans license fee fund created in section 35A.11 the
14 amount of the special fees collected under subsection
15 12, paragraph "a", in the previous month for Pearl
16 Harbor plates.

17 Sec. 14. Section 321.34, subsection 17, Code 2014,
18 is amended by adding the following new paragraph:

19 NEW PARAGRAPH. *Ob.* Notwithstanding subsection 12,
20 paragraph "a", an owner who is approved for special
21 registration plates under this subsection shall be
22 issued one set of special registration plates with a
23 Pearl Harbor processed emblem at no charge.

24 Sec. 15. Section 321.34, subsection 18, paragraph
25 a, Code 2014, is amended to read as follows:

26 *a.* An owner referred to in subsection 12 who was
27 awarded a purple heart medal by the United States
28 government for wounds received in military or naval
29 combat against an armed enemy of the United States
30 may, upon written application to the department and
31 presentation of satisfactory proof of the award of the
32 purple heart medal, order special registration plates
33 with a purple heart processed emblem. The design of
34 the emblem shall include a representation of a purple
35 heart medal and ribbon. The application is subject to
36 approval by the department in consultation with the
37 adjutant general. The special plate fees collected by
38 the director under subsection 12, ~~paragraphs~~ paragraph
39 "a" and "c", from the ~~issuance and~~ annual validation
40 of letter-number designated purple heart plates, and
41 subsection 12, paragraph "c", from the issuance and
42 annual validation of personalized purple heart plates
43 shall be paid monthly to the treasurer of state and
44 deposited in the road use tax fund. The treasurer
45 of state shall transfer monthly from the statutory
46 allocations fund created under section 321.145,
47 subsection 2, to the veterans license fee fund created
48 in section 35A.11 the amount of the special fees
49 collected under subsection 12, paragraph "a", in the
50 previous month for purple heart plates.

1 Sec. 16. Section 321.34, subsection 18, Code 2014,
2 is amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. *Ob.* Notwithstanding subsection 12,
4 paragraph "a", an owner who is approved for special
5 registration plates under this subsection shall be
6 issued one set of special registration plates with a
7 purple heart processed emblem at no charge.

8 Sec. 17. Section 321.34, subsection 19, paragraph
9 a, Code 2014, is amended to read as follows:

10 a. An owner referred to in subsection 12 who is a
11 retired member of the United States armed forces may,
12 upon written application to the department and upon
13 presentation of satisfactory proof of membership, order
14 special registration plates with a United States armed
15 forces retired processed emblem. The emblem shall be
16 designed by the department in consultation with service
17 organizations. The application is subject to approval
18 by the department. For purposes of this subsection,
19 a person is considered to be retired if the person is
20 recognized by the United States armed forces as retired
21 from the United States armed forces. The special plate
22 fees collected by the director under subsection 12,
23 paragraphs paragraph "a" and "c", from the issuance
24 and annual validation of letter-number designated
25 armed forces retired plates, and subsection 12,
26 paragraph "c", from the issuance and annual validation
27 of personalized armed forces retired plates shall be
28 paid monthly to the treasurer of state and deposited in
29 the road use tax fund. The treasurer of state shall
30 transfer monthly from the statutory allocations fund
31 created under section 321.145, subsection 2, to the
32 veterans license fee fund created in section 35A.11 the
33 amount of the special fees collected under subsection
34 12, paragraph "a", in the previous month for armed
35 forces retired plates.

36 Sec. 18. Section 321.34, subsection 19, Code 2014,
37 is amended by adding the following new paragraph:

38 NEW PARAGRAPH. *Ob.* Notwithstanding subsection 12,
39 paragraph "a", an owner who is approved for special
40 registration plates under this subsection shall be
41 issued one set of special registration plates with an
42 armed forces retired processed emblem at no charge.

43 Sec. 19. Section 321.34, subsection 20, paragraph
44 a, Code 2014, is amended to read as follows:

45 a. An owner referred to in subsection 12 who
46 was awarded a silver or a bronze star by the United
47 States government, may, upon written application to
48 the department and presentation of satisfactory proof
49 of the award of the silver or bronze star, order
50 special registration plates with a silver or bronze

1 star processed emblem. The emblem shall be designed
2 by the department in consultation with the adjutant
3 general. The special plate fees collected by the
4 director under subsection 12, ~~paragraphs~~ paragraph "a"
5 ~~and "c"~~, from the ~~issuance and annual validation of~~
6 letter-number designated silver star and bronze star
7 plates, and subsection 12, paragraph "c", from the
8 issuance and annual validation of personalized silver
9 star and bronze star plates shall be paid monthly
10 to the treasurer of state and deposited in the road
11 use tax fund. The treasurer of state shall transfer
12 monthly from the statutory allocations fund created
13 under section 321.145, subsection 2, to the veterans
14 license fee fund created in section 35A.11 the amount
15 of the special fees collected under subsection 12,
16 paragraph "a", in the previous month for silver star
17 and bronze star plates.

18 Sec. 20. Section 321.34, subsection 20, Code 2014,
19 is amended by adding the following new paragraph:

20 NEW PARAGRAPH. 0b. Notwithstanding subsection 12,
21 paragraph "a", an owner who is approved for special
22 registration plates under this subsection shall be
23 issued one set of special registration plates with
24 a silver star or bronze star processed emblem at no
25 charge.

26 Sec. 21. Section 321.34, subsection 20A, paragraph
27 a, Code 2014, is amended to read as follows:

28 a. An owner referred to in subsection 12 who was
29 awarded a distinguished service cross, a navy cross,
30 or an air force cross by the United States government
31 may, upon written application to the department and
32 presentation of satisfactory proof of the award, order
33 special registration plates with a distinguished
34 service cross, navy cross, or air force cross processed
35 emblem. The emblem shall be designed by the department
36 in consultation with the adjutant general. The special
37 plate fees collected by the director under subsection
38 12, ~~paragraphs~~ paragraph "a" and "c", from the ~~issuance~~
39 ~~and annual validation of~~ letter-number designated
40 distinguished service cross, navy cross, and air force
41 cross plates, and subsection 12, paragraph "c", from
42 the issuance and annual validation of personalized
43 distinguished service cross, navy cross, and air force
44 cross plates shall be paid monthly to the treasurer
45 of state and deposited in the road use tax fund. The
46 treasurer of state shall transfer monthly from the
47 statutory allocations fund created under section
48 321.145, subsection 2, to the veterans license fee fund
49 created in section 35A.11 the amount of the special
50 fees collected under subsection 12, paragraph "a", in

1 the previous month for distinguished service cross,
2 navy cross, and air force cross plates.

3 Sec. 22. Section 321.34, subsection 20A, Code 2014,
4 is amended by adding the following new paragraph:

5 NEW PARAGRAPH. 0b. Notwithstanding subsection 12,
6 paragraph "a", an owner who is approved for special
7 registration plates under this subsection shall be
8 issued one set of special registration plates with a
9 distinguished service cross, navy cross, or air force
10 cross processed emblem at no charge.

11 Sec. 23. Section 321.34, subsection 20B, paragraph
12 a, Code 2014, is amended to read as follows:

13 a. An owner referred to in subsection 12 who was
14 awarded a soldier's medal, a navy and marine corps
15 medal, or an airman's medal by the United States
16 government may, upon written application to the
17 department and presentation of satisfactory proof of
18 the award, order special registration plates with
19 a soldier's medal, navy and marine corps medal, or
20 airman's medal processed emblem. The emblem shall be
21 designed by the department in consultation with the
22 adjutant general. The special plate fees collected by
23 the director under subsection 12, ~~paragraphs paragraph~~
24 ~~"a" and "c"~~, from the ~~issuance and annual validation~~
25 of letter-number designated soldier's medal, navy and
26 marine corps medal, and airman's medal plates, and
27 subsection 12, paragraph "c", from the issuance and
28 annual validation of personalized soldier's medal, navy
29 and marine corps medal, and airman's medal plates shall
30 be paid monthly to the treasurer of state and deposited
31 in the road use tax fund. The treasurer of state shall
32 transfer monthly from the statutory allocations fund
33 created under section 321.145, subsection 2, to the
34 veterans license fee fund created in section 35A.11 the
35 amount of the special fees collected under subsection
36 12, paragraph "a", in the previous month for soldier's
37 medal, navy and marine corps medal, and airman's medal
38 plates.

39 Sec. 24. Section 321.34, subsection 20B, Code 2014,
40 is amended by adding the following new paragraph:

41 NEW PARAGRAPH. 0b. Notwithstanding subsection 12,
42 paragraph "a", an owner who is approved for special
43 registration plates under this subsection shall be
44 issued one set of special registration plates with
45 a soldier's medal, navy and marine corps medal, or
46 airman's medal processed emblem at no charge.

47 Sec. 25. Section 321.34, subsection 20C, paragraph
48 b, Code 2014, is amended to read as follows:

49 b. An owner referred to in subsection 12 who was
50 awarded a combat infantryman badge, combat action

1 badge, combat action ribbon, air force combat action
2 medal, or combat medical badge by the United States
3 government may, upon written application to the
4 department and presentation of satisfactory proof of
5 the award, order special registration plates with a
6 combat infantryman badge, combat action badge, combat
7 action ribbon, air force combat action medal, or combat
8 medical badge processed emblem. The special plate
9 fees collected by the director under subsection 12,
10 ~~paragraphs paragraph "a" and "c", from the issuance and~~
11 ~~annual validation of letter-number designated combat~~
12 ~~infantryman badge, combat action badge, combat action~~
13 ~~ribbon, air force combat action medal, and combat~~
14 ~~medical badge plates, and subsection 12, paragraph~~
15 ~~"c", from the issuance and annual validation of~~
16 ~~personalized combat infantryman badge, combat action~~
17 ~~badge, combat action ribbon, air force combat action~~
18 ~~medal, and combat medical badge plates shall be paid~~
19 ~~monthly to the treasurer of state and deposited in~~
20 ~~the road use tax fund. The treasurer of state shall~~
21 ~~transfer monthly from the statutory allocations fund~~
22 ~~created under section 321.145, subsection 2, to the~~
23 ~~veterans license fee fund created in section 35A.11 the~~
24 ~~amount of the special fees collected under subsection~~
25 ~~12, paragraph "a", in the previous month for combat~~
26 ~~infantryman badge, combat action badge, combat action~~
27 ~~ribbon, air force combat action medal, and combat~~
28 ~~medical badge plates.~~

29 Sec. 26. Section 321.34, subsection 20C, Code 2014,
30 is amended by adding the following new paragraph:

31 NEW PARAGRAPH. 0c. Notwithstanding subsection 12,
32 paragraph "a", an owner who is approved for special
33 registration plates under this subsection shall be
34 issued one set of special registration plates with a
35 combat infantryman badge, combat action badge, combat
36 action ribbon, air force combat action medal, and
37 combat medical badge distinguishing processed emblem
38 at no charge.

39 Sec. 27. Section 321.34, subsection 24, Code 2014,
40 is amended to read as follows:

41 24. *Gold star plates.*

42 a. An owner referred to in subsection 12 who is
43 the surviving spouse, parent, child, or sibling of
44 a deceased member of the United States armed forces
45 who died while serving on active duty during a time
46 of military conflict or who died as a result of such
47 service may order special registration plates bearing
48 a gold star emblem upon written application to the
49 department accompanied by satisfactory supporting
50 documentation as determined by the department. The

1 gold star emblem shall be designed by the department in
2 cooperation with the commission of veterans affairs.
3 The special plate fees collected by the director under
4 subsection 12, ~~paragraphs~~ paragraph "a" and "c", from
5 the ~~issuance and~~ annual validation of letter-number
6 designated gold star plates, and subsection 12,
7 paragraph "c", from the issuance and annual validation
8 of personalized gold star plates shall be paid monthly
9 to the treasurer of state and deposited in the road
10 use tax fund. The treasurer of state shall transfer
11 monthly from the statutory allocations fund created
12 under section 321.145, subsection 2, to the veterans
13 license fee fund created in section 35A.11 the amount
14 of the special fees collected under subsection 12,
15 paragraph "a", in the previous month for gold star
16 plates.

17 b. Notwithstanding subsection 12, paragraph "a",
18 an owner who is approved for special registration
19 plates under this subsection shall be issued one set of
20 special registration plates bearing a gold star emblem
21 at no charge.

22 Sec. 28. Section 321.34, Code 2014, is amended by
23 adding the following new subsection:

24 NEW SUBSECTION. 27. *United States veteran plates.*

25 a. An owner referred to in subsection 12 who served
26 in the armed forces of the United States and was
27 discharged under honorable conditions may, upon written
28 application to the department and upon presentation of
29 satisfactory proof of military service and discharge
30 under honorable conditions, order special registration
31 plates bearing a distinguishing processed emblem
32 depicting the word "veteran" below an image of the
33 American flag. The application is subject to approval
34 by the department. The special plate fees collected
35 by the director under subsection 12, paragraph "a",
36 from the annual validation of letter-number designated
37 United States veteran plates, and subsection 12,
38 paragraph "c", from the issuance and annual validation
39 of personalized United States veteran plates, shall be
40 paid monthly to the treasurer of state and deposited in
41 the road use tax fund. The treasurer of state shall
42 transfer monthly from the statutory allocations fund
43 created under section 321.145, subsection 2, to the
44 veterans license fee fund created in section 35A.11 the
45 amount of the special fees collected under subsection
46 12, paragraph "a", in the previous month for United
47 States veteran plates.

48 b. Notwithstanding subsection 12, paragraph "a",
49 an owner who is approved for a special registration
50 plate under this subsection shall be issued one set of

1 special registration plates bearing a distinguishing
2 processed emblem depicting the word "veteran" below an
3 image of the American flag at no charge.

4 DIVISION IV

5 VETERANS PREFERENCE

6 Sec. 29. NEW SECTION. 35.3 Veterans preference in
7 private employment permitted.

8 1. A private employer may grant preference in
9 hiring and promotion to an individual who is a veteran.

10 2. a. A private employer may grant preference in
11 hiring and promotion to the spouse of a veteran who has
12 sustained a permanent, compensable service-connected
13 disability as adjudicated by the United States veterans
14 administration or by the retirement board of one of the
15 armed forces of the United States.

16 b. A private employer may grant preference in
17 hiring and promotion to the surviving spouse of a
18 deceased member of the United States armed forces
19 who died while serving on active duty during a time
20 of military conflict or who died as a result of such
21 service.

22 3. Granting a hiring or promotion preference under
23 this section does not violate any state law or local
24 ordinance regarding equal employment opportunity,
25 including but not limited to chapter 216.

26 4. The hiring and promotion preferences allowable
27 under this section shall only be granted if consistent
28 with applicable federal laws and regulations.

29 DIVISION V

30 POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION REPORTING

31 Sec. 30. Section 260C.14, Code 2014, is amended by
32 adding the following new subsection:

33 NEW SUBSECTION. 24. a. Beginning December 15,
34 2015, annually file a report with the governor and the
35 general assembly providing information and statistics
36 for the previous five academic years on the number
37 of students who are veterans per year who received
38 education credit for military education, training, and
39 service, that number as a percentage of veterans known
40 to be enrolled at the college, the average number of
41 credits received by students, and the average number
42 of credits applied towards the award of a certificate,
43 competency-based credential, postsecondary diploma, or
44 associate degree.

45 b. For purposes of this subsection, "veteran" means
46 a veteran as defined in section 35.1.

47 Sec. 31. Section 262.9, Code 2014, is amended by
48 adding the following new subsection:

49 NEW SUBSECTION. 38. a. Beginning December 15,
50 2015, annually file a report with the governor and the

1 general assembly providing information and statistics
2 for the previous five academic years on the number
3 of students who are veterans per year who received
4 education credit for military education, training, and
5 service, that number as a percentage of veterans known
6 to be enrolled at the institution, the average number
7 of credits received by students, and the average number
8 of credits applied towards the award or completion of a
9 course of instruction, postsecondary diploma, degree,
10 or other evidences of distinction.

11 **b.** For purposes of this subsection, "veteran" means
12 a veteran as defined in section 35.1.

13 DIVISION VI

14 LICENSED PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS

15 Sec. 32. Section 272C.4, Code 2014, is amended by
16 adding the following new subsections:

17 NEW SUBSECTION. 11. Adopt rules by January 1,
18 2015, to provide credit towards qualifications for
19 licensure to practice an occupation or profession
20 in this state for education, training, and service
21 obtained or completed by an individual while serving
22 honorably on federal active duty, state active duty,
23 or national guard duty, as defined in section 29A.1,
24 to the extent consistent with the qualifications
25 required by the appropriate licensing board. The
26 rules shall also provide credit towards qualifications
27 for initial licensure for education, training, or
28 service obtained or completed by an individual while
29 serving honorably in the military forces of another
30 state or the organized reserves of the armed forces of
31 the United States, to the extent consistent with the
32 qualifications required by the appropriate licensing
33 board.

34 NEW SUBSECTION. 12. **a.** Establish procedures
35 by January 1, 2015, to expedite the licensing of an
36 individual who is licensed in a similar profession or
37 occupation in another state and who is a veteran, as
38 defined in section 35.1, or the spouse of a veteran.

39 **b.** If the board determines that the professional
40 or occupational licensing requirements of the state
41 where the veteran or veteran's spouse is licensed are
42 substantially equivalent to the licensing requirements
43 of this state, the procedures shall require the
44 licensing of the veteran or the veteran's spouse in
45 this state.

46 **c.** If the board determines that the professional
47 or occupational licensing requirements of the state
48 where the veteran or veteran's spouse is licensed are
49 not substantially equivalent to the professional or
50 occupational licensing requirements of this state, the

1 procedures shall allow the provisional licensing of
2 the veteran or veteran's spouse for a period of time
3 deemed necessary by the board to obtain a substantial
4 equivalent to the licensing requirements of this state.
5 The board shall advise the veteran or the veteran's
6 spouse of required education or training necessary to
7 obtain a substantial equivalent to the professional
8 or occupational licensing requirements of this state,
9 and the procedures shall provide for licensing of
10 an individual who has, pursuant to this paragraph,
11 obtained a substantial equivalent to the professional
12 or occupational licensing requirements of this state.

13 NEW SUBSECTION. 13. Beginning December 15, 2016,
14 annually file a report with the governor and the
15 general assembly providing information and statistics
16 on credit received by individuals for education,
17 training, and service pursuant to subsection 11 and
18 information and statistics on licenses and provisional
19 licenses issued pursuant to subsection 12.

20 NEW SUBSECTION. 14. Notwithstanding the
21 designation of the licensing boards in section 272C.1,
22 the provisions of subsections 11 through 13 shall apply
23 to all of the occupational and professional licensing
24 boards of this state.

25 Sec. 33. REPORT. Each occupational and
26 professional licensing board of this state shall file
27 a report with the governor and the general assembly
28 by January 31, 2015, on the substance of rules and
29 procedures adopted to implement the provisions of this
30 division of this Act.

31 DIVISION VII

32 COUNTY COMMISSIONS

33 Sec. 34. Section 35B.4, Code 2014, is amended to
34 read as follows:

35 **35B.4 Appointment — vacancies.**

36 1. Members of the commission of veteran affairs
37 shall be appointed by the board of supervisors, in
38 consultation with the current commission members and
39 the executive director or administrator, to staggered
40 three-year terms at the regular meeting in June.
41 However, a member shall serve until a successor has
42 been appointed and qualifies. The board may remove
43 an appointee at any time for neglect of duty or
44 maladministration. A vacancy on the commission shall
45 be filled for the unexpired portion of the regular term
46 in the same manner as regular appointments are made.
47 2. If the board of supervisors increases the
48 commission of veteran affairs membership to five
49 members, the initial terms of the two new members
50 shall be two and three years respectively. However,

1 the new members shall serve until their successors are
2 appointed and qualify.

3 Sec. 35. Section 35B.6, subsection 1, paragraphs a
4 and c, Code 2014, are amended to read as follows:

5 a. The members of the commission shall qualify by
6 taking the usual oath of office, ~~and give bond in the~~
7 ~~sum of five hundred dollars each, conditioned for the~~
8 ~~faithful discharge of their duties with sureties to be~~
9 ~~approved by the county auditor.~~ The commission shall
10 organize by the selection of one of their members as
11 chairperson and one as secretary. The commission,
12 subject to the approval of the board of supervisors,
13 shall employ an executive director or administrator
14 ~~and who shall have the power to employ other necessary~~
15 ~~employees when needed to carry out the provisions of~~
16 this chapter, including administrative or clerical
17 assistants, but no member of the commission shall
18 be so employed. The compensation of such employees
19 shall be fixed by the board of supervisors. The
20 state department of veterans affairs shall recognize
21 the executive director or administrator as a county
22 veterans service officer of a veterans' service
23 organization recognized pursuant to 38 C.F.R. §
24 14.628(c) for the purposes of assisting veterans
25 and their dependents in obtaining federal and state
26 benefits. The commission shall recommend the annual
27 compensation of the executive director or administrator
28 to the board of supervisors. The board of supervisors
29 shall consider the recommendation and shall determine
30 and approve the annual compensation of the executive
31 director or administrator. The executive director
32 must possess the same qualifications as provided in
33 section 35B.3 for commission members. However, this
34 qualification requirement shall not apply to a person
35 employed as an executive director prior to July 1,
36 1989.

37 c. Upon the employment of an executive director or
38 administrator, the executive director or administrator
39 shall complete a course of certification training
40 provided by the department of veterans affairs
41 pursuant to section 35A.5. If an executive director
42 or administrator fails to obtain certification within
43 one year of being employed, the executive director
44 or administrator shall be removed from office. A
45 ~~commissioner or other commission employee may also~~
46 ~~complete the course of certification training. The~~
47 ~~department shall issue the executive director, or~~
48 ~~administrator, commissioner, or employee a certificate~~
49 ~~of training after completion of the certification~~
50 ~~training course. To maintain certification, the~~

1 executive director, or administrator, ~~commissioner,~~
2 ~~or employee~~ shall satisfy the continuing education
3 requirements established by the national association
4 of county ~~veteran~~ veterans service officers. Failure
5 of an executive director or administrator to maintain
6 certification shall be cause for removal from office.
7 The expenses of training the executive director or
8 administrator shall be paid from the appropriation
9 authorized in section 35B.14.

10 Sec. 36. Section 35B.6, subsection 1, paragraph
11 d, Code 2014, is amended by adding the following new
12 subparagraph:

13 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (3) Complete and submit all
14 forms required for federal, state, and county benefits.

15 Sec. 37. Section 35B.6, subsection 2, Code 2014, is
16 amended to read as follows:

17 2. a. Two or more boards of supervisors may agree,
18 pursuant to chapter 28E, to share the services of an
19 executive director or administrator. The agreement
20 shall provide for the establishment of a commission
21 of veteran affairs office in each of the counties
22 participating in the agreement.

23 b. Neither a county board of supervisors nor a
24 county commission of veterans affairs shall place the
25 administration of the duties of the county commission
26 of veteran affairs under any other agency of any
27 county, or publish the names of the veterans or their
28 families who receive benefits under the provisions of
29 this chapter.

30 Sec. 38. Section 35B.6, subsection 3, Code 2014, is
31 amended by striking the subsection.

32 Sec. 39. Section 35B.6, subsection 4, paragraph a,
33 Code 2014, is amended to read as follows:

34 a. Each county commission of veteran affairs
35 shall maintain an office in a public building owned,
36 operated, or leased by the county.

37 Sec. 40. Section 35B.7, Code 2014, is amended to
38 read as follows:

39 **35B.7 Meetings — report — budget.**

40 The commission shall meet monthly and at other
41 times as necessary. At the monthly meeting it shall
42 determine who are entitled to county benefits and
43 the probable amount required to be expended. The
44 commission shall meet annually to prepare an estimated
45 budget for all expenditures to be made in the next
46 fiscal year and certify the budget to the board of
47 supervisors. The board may approve or reduce the
48 budget for valid reasons shown and entered of record
49 and the board's decision is final.

50 Sec. 41. Section 35B.10, Code 2014, is amended to

1 read as follows:

2 **35B.10 Disbursements — inspection of records.**

3 1. All claims certified by the commission shall be
4 ~~reviewed~~ approved by the board of supervisors and the
5 county auditor shall issue warrants in payment of the
6 claims. All applications, investigation reports, and
7 case records are privileged communications and ~~shall~~
8 ~~be held~~ confidential, subject to use and inspection
9 only by persons authorized by law in connection with
10 their official duties relating to financial audits and
11 the administration of this chapter or as authorized
12 by order of a district court. A person may sign a
13 release to authorize the examination of that person's
14 applications, reports, or records.

15 2. ~~However, the~~ The county commission of veteran
16 affairs shall prepare and file in the office of the
17 county auditor on or before the thirtieth day of each
18 January, April, July, and October a report showing the
19 case numbers of all recipients receiving assistance
20 under this chapter, together with the amount paid
21 to each during the preceding quarter. Each report
22 so filed shall be ~~securely fixed in~~ maintained as a
23 permanent record book to be used only for such reports
24 made under this chapter.

25 ~~The record book shall be and the same is hereby~~
26 ~~declared to be a public record, open to public~~
27 ~~inspection at all times during the regular office~~
28 ~~hours of the county auditor. Each person who desires~~
29 ~~to examine said records, other than in pursuance of~~
30 ~~official duties as hereinbefore provided, shall sign~~
31 ~~a written request to examine the same, which shall~~
32 ~~contain an agreement on the part of the signer that~~
33 ~~the signer will not utilize any information gained~~
34 ~~therefrom for commercial or political purposes.~~

35 3. It shall be unlawful for any person, body,
36 association, firm, corporation or any other agency
37 to solicit, disclose, receive, make use of or to
38 authorize, knowingly permit, participate in or
39 acquiesce in the use of any lists, names or other
40 information obtained from the reports above provided
41 for, for commercial or political purposes, and a
42 violation of this provision shall constitute a serious
43 misdemeanor.

44 Sec. 42. Section 35B.14, Code 2014, is amended by
45 adding the following new subsections:

46 NEW SUBSECTION. 3. The commission is responsible
47 for the interment in a suitable cemetery of the body of
48 any veteran, as defined in section 35.1, or the spouse,
49 surviving spouse, or child of the person, if the person
50 has died without leaving sufficient means to defray the

1 funeral expenses. The commission may pay the expenses
2 in a sum not exceeding an amount established by the
3 board of supervisors.

4 **NEW SUBSECTION. 4.** Burial expenses shall be paid
5 by the county in which the person died. If the person
6 is a resident of a different county at the time of
7 death, the county of residence shall reimburse the
8 county where the person died for the cost of burial.
9 In either case, the board of supervisors of the
10 respective counties shall audit and pay the account
11 from the funds provided for in this chapter in the
12 manner as other claims are audited and paid.

13 Sec. 43. Section 35B.16, Code 2014, is amended to
14 read as follows:

15 **35B.16 Markers for graves.**

16 The county commission of veteran affairs may
17 furnish a suitable and appropriate ~~metal~~ marker for
18 the grave of each veteran, as defined in section 35.1,
19 who is buried within the limits of the county. The
20 marker shall be placed at the individual's grave to
21 permanently mark and designate the grave for memorial
22 purposes. The expenses shall be paid from any funds
23 raised as provided in this chapter.

24 Sec. 44. Section 35B.17, Code 2014, is amended to
25 read as follows:

26 **35B.17 Maintenance of graves.**

27 1. The county boards of supervisors shall each
28 year appropriate and pay to the owners of, or to the
29 public board or officers having control of cemeteries
30 within the state in which any such deceased service
31 person is buried, a sum sufficient to pay for the care
32 and maintenance of the lots on which they are buried
33 in all cases in which provision for such care is not
34 otherwise made, or may conclude their responsibility
35 by paying a mutually agreed to fee for perpetual care
36 when the cemetery authority has established a perpetual
37 care fund for the cemetery, to be paid either as a lump
38 sum, or in not to exceed five installments in a manner
39 agreed to by the parties.

40 2. Payment under subsection 1 shall be made at the
41 rate charged for like care and maintenance of other
42 lots of similar size in the same cemetery, upon the
43 affidavit of the superintendent or other person in
44 charge of such cemetery, that the same has not been
45 otherwise paid or provided for.

46 Sec. 45. Section 35B.19, Code 2014, is amended to
47 read as follows:

48 **35B.19 Burial records.**

49 The county commission of veteran affairs executive
50 director or administrator shall be charged with

1 securing the information requested by the department
2 of veterans affairs of every person having a military
3 service record and buried in ~~that~~ the county. Such
4 information shall be secured from the ~~undertaker~~
5 funeral director in charge of the burial or cremation
6 and shall be transmitted by the ~~undertaker~~ funeral
7 director to the ~~commission of county~~ veteran affairs
8 office of the county where burial or disposition of
9 cremated remains is made. This information shall
10 be recorded alphabetically and by description of
11 location in the cemetery where the veteran is buried
12 or the place of disposition of the cremated remains
13 of the veteran. This recording shall conform to
14 the directives of the department of veterans affairs
15 and shall be ~~kept in~~ maintained as a ~~book~~ permanent
16 record by the ~~county commission~~ executive director or
17 administrator.

18 Sec. 46. Section 64.11, Code 2014, is amended to
19 read as follows:

20 **64.11 Expense of bonds paid by county.**

21 If a county treasurer, county attorney, recorder,
22 auditor, sheriff, medical examiner, ~~member of the~~
23 ~~veterans affairs commission~~, member of the board of
24 supervisors, engineer, steward, or matron elects to
25 furnish a bond with an association or incorporation as
26 surety as provided in this chapter, the reasonable cost
27 of the bond shall be paid by the county where the bond
28 is filed.

29 Sec. 47. Section 331.381, subsection 6, Code 2014,
30 is amended to read as follows:

31 6. Audit and pay the burial expense for indigent
32 veterans, as provided in section ~~35B.15~~ 35B.14,
33 subsection 4.

34 Sec. 48. Section 331.502, subsection 13, Code 2014,
35 is amended by striking the subsection.

36 Sec. 49. Section 331.502, subsection 14, Code 2014,
37 is amended to read as follows:

38 14. Issue warrants and maintain a ~~book containing~~
39 a permanent record of persons receiving veteran
40 assistance as provided in section 35B.10.

41 Sec. 50. REPEAL. Sections 35B.8, 35B.9, 35B.12,
42 35B.13, 35B.15, and 35B.18, Code 2014, are repealed.>

43 2. Title page, by striking lines 1 through 3 and
44 inserting <An Act relating to veterans, military
45 service members, and certain survivor beneficiaries and
46 including effective date and retroactive applicability
47 provisions.>

48 3. By renumbering, redesignating, and correcting
49 internal references as necessary.>

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